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FWS PUBLISHES NEW BULLETIN ON OHIO-LAKE ERIE FISHERY

Ohio Landings, a new monthly bulletin on the commercial catch taken by Ohio fishermen on Lake Erie, is now being published by the Fish and Wildlife Service in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Acting Secretary of the Interior Clarence A. Davis said today. The first bulletin, which has just been issued, is a summary of the fishing activities for March 1956.

Commercial fishermen of Ohio operating on Lake Erie take about 23,500,000 pounds of fish annually, or about 30 percent of the entire catch of 80,000,000 pounds made in the Great Lakes by American fishermen. New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan fishermen take about 5,000,000 pounds from Lake Erie each year.

Lake Erie is the most productive of all of the Great Lakes, Canadian and American statistics show. It is second only to Lake Michigan in the American part of the catch.

The principal species taken by the Ohio fishermen are blue pike, carp, yellow perch, yellow pike and white bass. The Ohioans take about 80 percent of the total American Great Lakes catch of blue pike, 80 percent of the yellow pike and half of the yellow perch taken by Americans in the Great Lakes.

During March the Ohio men took 814,530 pounds of fish from Lake Erie. This marked the first big catch of the year since fishing on Lake Erie is inconsequential during the winter months.

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